GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2603
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Religious Conversion
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether religious conversion is taking place rapidly in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to take any concrete and effective steps to check the same; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) to (c): 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. Hence prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of offences related to religious conversions are primarily the concerns of the State Governments/UT Administrations. Action is taken as per existing laws by the law enforcing agencies whenever instances of violation come to notice.
Some State Governments have enacted laws providing for the prohibition of conversion from one religious faith to any other religious faith by the use of force or inducement or by fraudulent means etc.

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